

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund St. George's Church Dome Restoration, Appropriate \$50,000

Whereas, residents of the City of Lowell voted to accept the Community Preservation Act in November of 2019, in accordance with Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000; and

Whereas, a Community Preservation Fund has been created using 1% of the City's property tax levy, excluding: (1) the first \$100,000 of residential property value; (2) full commercial property value, and (3) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low-income housing or low- or moderate-income senior housing; and

Whereas, a Community Preservation Committee was created by Ordinance of the City Council found in Chapter 9, Article XIV, §9-46 to §9-51; ("Ordinance") and

Whereas, each fiscal year the Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance and General Laws of Massachusetts in the form of a budget for appropriations and/or reserves from the Community Preservation Fund; and

Whereas, based on the Community Preservation Committee's recommendation the City Council shall make such appropriations or reserves from the Community Preservation Fund that spend or set aside not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for open space, not less than 10% of the annual revenues for historic preservation, not less than 10% of the annual revenues for community housing, and any remaining amount into budgeted reserves; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that, upon recommendation of the Lowell Community Preservation Committee, and in order to undertake community preservation projects with community preservation fund revenues for Fiscal Year 2023, the respective sums of money specified in the schedule hereinafter set out be, and the same hereby, are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee in accordance with the terms of a grant agreement or memorandum of understanding in compliance with the Ordinance and General Laws of Massachusetts.

Appropriation:

Applicant: St. George's Parish Council

Project: The restoration of the historic dome of St. George's Church at 44 Princeton Boulevard.

Recommended Amount: \$50,000

From: 1713	386400	General Reserve	\$50,000
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***Community Preservation Act
Funding Eligibility Form***

Submit 10 copies of the application and attachments

Project Title: Roof Replacement and Renovations for St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Project Address: 44 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell, MA. 01851

Applicant Name/ Organization: St. George Parish Council

Project Budget: \$1,327,000.00

Estimate Total CPA Funds Requested: \$ 500,000.00

Estimate Funding from Alternative Sources: \$ 830,000.00

Contact Name: Stella McAuliffe or Rev. Constantine Cambas

Phone: 508-380-3001 or 978-314-4992

Mailing Address: 44 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell, MA 01851

Do you own the subject property? No

If no, do you have the permission from the current owner to use the property? Yes

Will you be utilizing CPA Funds to acquire the Property? No

Do you have experience similar projects? No

If no, are you working with an architect, engineer, or contractor? Yes

If yes, who? Nick Sarris

Have you contacted a relevant City Department for input? No

CPA program Area : Historic Preservation

Project Purpose: Rehab/Restore

Project Summary: The final scope of the project has not been fully specified by the current contractor as of yet. We are awaiting final estimate and scope of work, however, the preliminary project description is as follows:

If yes, who?

Have you contacted a relevant City Department for input? Yes:

If yes, which Department?

CPA Eligibility Chart:

	Open Space	Historic	Recreation	Housing
Acquire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Create	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Preserve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Support	No	No	No	Yes
Rehabilitate and/or Restore	No (unless acquired or created with CPA \$\$)	Yes	Yes	No (unless acquired or created with CPA \$\$)

CPA Program Area (choose one):

Historic Preservation: X Open Space: Recreation: Community Housing:

Project Purpose (choose one):

Acquire:___ Create:___ Preserve:___ Support:___ Rehab/Restore: X

Project Summary (Provide a brief description of project):

Dome Replacement

The final scope of the project has not been fully specified by the current contractor as of yet. We are awaiting final estimate and scope of work, however, the preliminary project description is as follows:

A detailed inspection of the entire exterior of the church roof updated in 2022.

-Remove damaged sections of the dome roof, flashing and underlying wooden support structures.

-Replace damaged dome roof material

- Replace underlying damaged and rotted support beams with new material.

-Asbestos mitigation as needed.

- Repair of interior walls from water damage.

- Assessment of interior damage and Restoration and Painting of Religious Artwork by a specialist Iconographer.

Please make sure you have carefully reviewed the eligibility requirements for Community Preservation Act projects as outlined in the City of Lowell Community Preservation Plan. You may attach any additional information pertinent to this project that may assist in determining eligibility. Forms can be submitted to Serena Gonzalez by email at SGonzalez@lowellma.gov or at 375 Merrimack Street, Room 51, Lowell, MA 01852.

For CPC Use: Eligible: ☒ Not Eligible: ☐ Date: 8/25 Reviewer: S-O

Project Narrative

General Narrative:

St. George Church was founded in 1928 by Greek immigrants in the Acre Section of Lowell, MA near City Hall. The church was originally based in a former Baptist Church building on Worthen Street. In 1973, a fire destroyed the church building on Worthen Street and the community decided to look elsewhere for a new church building. A former Universalist Church building was available and the community purchased this building located at 44 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell, MA. The Church Building was designed and built in 1895 by a well-known Boston Architect and Lowell native, William Chester Chase and was considered to be an exemplary architectural design at the time. It came to be known as the Grace Universalist Church. The building features a Rafael Gustavo Terracotta Dome roof which has a copper cladding on top. A George Stevens Pipe Organ (Circa 1836) is located in the above alcove and the dome itself is considered to be the largest dome of its kind in New England. The church building was nominated and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2011 by Secretary William Francis Galvin who at the time served as chairperson of the National Registry Board.

In 1978, the interior of the dome was finished from the exposed terracotta and was changed to the more traditional plaster and fresco religious artwork (iconography) found in Greek Orthodox churches. The Iconographer (artist) was John Philppakis.

How does this project meet Community Preservation Act eligibility?

Built in 1895-1896 it is the work of the re-known architect of the time William Chester Chase. It is registered National Register of Historic Places in 2011 by Secretary William Francis Galvin. It is on the National Registry Board. It served as a Universalist Church for over 77 years and Greek Orthodox Church for 49 years. Its main feature is the Gustavo Construction Dome, which is the largest dome in New England. It has historical and cultural value. The 79 foot high dome creates a majestic church space and acoustics. It creates a heavenly and earthly interface with religious artwork depicting Jesus Christ and the saints surrounding the person and looking down upon the faithful worshipper as if to bring heaven down to earth and to bring the faithful up to heaven. It also features a traditional George Stevens Pipe Organ in the elevated alcove. There is 2000 square feet of usable space.

Does this project address a community need? How does it address this need?

Besides being an architectural marvel of the time, it is grand looking structure and it is listed with the National Register of Historical Places. It has been standing proud for 126 years. A Proclamation was signed by the Secretary of Commonwealth / Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, William Francis Galvin is under the name Grace Universalist Church. It conjures a sense of grandness as well as holiness and inspiration to those who enter into it or gaze up at the frescoes. Besides its inspiring appearance, the church functions as a educational site for the students of UMASS Lowell History Department. Twice yearly, students studying Byzantine and Western Church History visit the church for lectures on early Christian Art and architecture. Whether to worship or just to visit, one cannot leave without as sense of being inspired by its history or moved spiritually by what it has come to symbolize.

Budget

Can you accept funds for the project over multiple years? Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Breakdown of how CPA funds will be used:

Remove damaged sections of the dome roof, flashing and underlying wooden support structures.

*Replace damaged dome roof material

*Replace underlying damaged and rotted support beams with new material.

*Asbestos mitigation as needed.

*Handicap ramp repair

*Repair of interior walls from water damage.

*Assessment of interior damage and Restoration and Painting of Religious Artwork by a specialist Iconographer.

Middlesex North Registry of Deeds - 20/20 Perfect Vision i2 Document Detail Report

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Property-Street Address and/or Description					
PRINCETON ST 2-33					
Grantors					
FIRST GRACE CHURCH UNIVERSALIST, FIRST GRACE UNIVERSALIST PARISH OF LOWELL					
Grantees					
References-Book/Pg Description Recorded Year					
Registered Land Certificate(s)-Cert# Book/Pg					

FIRST GRACE CHURCH UNIVERSALIST
Meeting of Members
October 18, 1973

At a meeting duly called according to Article XI Section 2 of the by-laws of the organization held on October 18, 1973, a quorum being present, said meeting called to order at 7:41 p.m., chairman Bernard M. Ross presiding. On motion made by Rev. Paul MacMillan, it was on a vote of 30 in favor and 2 against.

Voted: That the officers of the church be authorized to sell to St. George's Holy Eastern Greek Orthodox Church, Inc. the ~~land and buildings located at 44 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a price to be no less than \$90,000.00, said sale to be completed as soon as reasonably possible. Included in the sale is to be all pews, the organ, pulpit and lectern and all kitchen equipment as is. That the chairman and treasurer be appointed and authorized to negotiate and transfer title as required by deed and/or bill of sale and to sign their names as officers of this organization conveying good title thereto.~~

A true copy attest:

Thomas Cleary
Thomas Cleary, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

LOWELL

Oct 29, 1973

Then came the above named Thomas Cleary and acknowledged that the above vote was taken and passed as above indicated on said date to the best of his knowledge and belief before me

George J. Basbanes
George J. Basbanes, Notary Public
My commission expires 8/28/86

First Grace Church Universalist, formerly First Grace Universalist Parish of Lowell, said corporate name changed on July 29, 1960

religious
a/corporation duly established under the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
and having its usual place of business at 44 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell \$90,000

Middlesex County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid,

grants to St. George's Holy Eastern Greek Orthodox Church, Inc., a religious corporation duly established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and having its place of worship at
of 44 Princeton Blvd., Lowell, Mass. with quitclaim reversion

the land in Lowell

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Princeton Street in said Lowell, containing 20,648.38 square feet and being lots numbered 13, 14, 15, and 16 on "Plan of Land Westford and Proud Streets in Lowell, Mass., belonging to Wm. H. Anderson, May, 1872, R. W. Baker, Engineer", bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of said Princeton and South Canton Streets; thence running easterly on said Princeton Street at an angle of 88° 02' with South Canton Street one hundred (100) feet to land now or formerly of one Paul; thence southerly by said Paul land two hundred four and 89/100 (204.89) feet to lot numbered 17 on said plan, owned now or formerly by one Miller; thence westerly by said Miller land ninety-nine and 92/100 (99.92) feet to said South Canton Street; thence northerly on said South Canton Street two hundred eight and 38/100 (208.38) feet to the point of beginning.

Being all and the same premises conveyed to said grantor under its then name of First Grace Universalist Parish of Lowell by Grace Universalist Parish of Lowell by deed dated September 27, 1945, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book 1030, Page 414.

Said premises are conveyed subject to all reservations, restrictions and conditions referred to in said deed, in so far as the same are now in force and applicable thereto.

Said premises are shown in Book of Plans 2, Plan 33, recorded with said Registry.

In witness whereof, the said First Grace Church Universalist

has caused its corporate seal to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed, acknowledged and delivered in its name and behalf by Bernard M. Ross, chairman, and Audrey McLean its treasurer hereto duly authorized, this 29th

day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy three.

Signed and sealed in presence of

Church
First Grace Universalist

by Bernard M. Ross

Chairman

Audrey M. McLean

Treasurer

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex,

ss.

October 29, 1973
Chairman,

Then personally appeared the above named Bernard M. Ross and Audrey McLean, Treasurer of the First Grace Universalist Church, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be the free act and deed of the First Grace Universalist

before me,

Jerry J. Bauland
Notary Public - Middlesex County, Massachusetts

My commission expires Aug. 29, 1980

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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Feasibility

Will this project require additional approvals (Special Permits, Variances, etc.)? Yes: __ No: ✓

If yes, please check the additional approvals necessary for the project below:

Planning Board: ____

Zoning Board of Appeals: ____

Site Plan Review: ____

Variance: ____

Special Permit: ____

Special Permit: ____

Preliminary Subdivision Approval: ____

Definitive Subdivision: ____

Planned Residential Development: ____

Conservation Commission: ____

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA): ____

Notice of Intent (NOI): ____

Historic Board: ____

If yes, in which historic district? _____

Describe any past experience you, your architect, engineer, or contractor have with similar projects which demonstrates your ability to successfully complete the project. Please include any examples of similar projects you have completed.

The contractor Nick Sarris has restored and replaced domed roof structures in other churches in Lowell, MA (Holy Trinity Church, 62 Lewis St, Lowell)

Have you contacted a relevant City Department for input on your application?

Yes: X No:

If yes, which Department? Division of Development Services/ Historic Board

If no, do you plan to contact a City Department? Yes: No: X

All application materials should be submitted both electronically and as a hard copy. Electronic copies can be submitted to Serena Gonzalez at SGonzalez@lowellma.gov. Hard copies should be submitted to the Department of Development Services, 375 Merrimack Street, Room 51, Lowell, MA, 01852.

5. Updated Budget Information

- a) The church currently has \$830,000.00 to put towards the damage from the insurance company.
- b) Attached please see estimate from contractor Nicholas Sarris.
- c) We also are currently seeking an engineering company to assess the damage.

6. Project Timeline

- a) Time being of essence because of the roof leaking our hope and main concern is to have the dome repaired as soon as possible.
- b) Other renovations can be done over time.



ESTIMATE

July 25, 2022

87 Pevey Street
Lowell
Massachusetts
01851

St. George Church
44 Princeton Boulevard
Lowell, MA 01851

Attn: John Skafidas, President

Telephone

978-458-9762

Fax

978-970-0717

Re: Dome replacement

Metal clad replacement of the dome in its entirety
to include the following:

1. Permitting
2. Scaffolding
3. Removal of all, metal, tarps, rubber and
dispose of
4. Supply and install all new metal in-kind

Custom

Cabinetry &

Millwork

Building,

Remodeling &

Historic

Preservation

Please note that this phase of work does not
include any abatement if required or additional work
beyond the scope of the dome.

ESTIMATED COST \$880,000.00

Thank you,

Nicholas C. Sarris

NCS/mes

St. George Orthodox Church
Father Constantine
44 Princeton Blvd.
Lowell, MA 01851

September 3, 2022

To Whom This May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and respect that I submit this letter of recommendation and support regarding St George Greek Orthodox Church for the Community Preservation Committee Funds.

In the City of Lowell, we are very rich in Ethnic Diversity and as such we value, not only everyone's heritage but also historical buildings and what they signify especially this building, which is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

We also realize that they eventually need repair and help to restore them to the proper condition that they need to be. This is one such case with regard to the Church's Dome, roof and other damage to the Church.

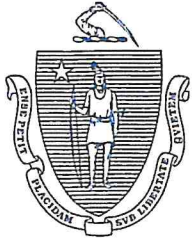
Although very beautiful, our New England weather can wreck havoc with our buildings and this money will be extremely helpful to preserve the heritage and culture of a grateful community.

As a former Mayor and current city councilor for the past 27 years, it is with great respect and concern that I extend a sincere thank you, in advance, to this committee for all the hard work and time spent to help preserve our historic community.

If you have any concerns please feel free to call me at (978) 453-2467 or Cell - (978) 866-7626

With warm regards,
Former Mayor and present
City Councilor Rita M. Mercier

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita M. Mercier". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1054

RADY MOM
REPRESENTATIVE
18TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
LOWELL

Rady.Mom@MAhouse.gov

STATE HOUSE, ROOM 43
TEL. (617) 722-2030
FAX. (617) 722-2215

September 11, 2022

Mr. Adam Baacke, Chair Community Preservation Committee
City Hall
Lowell, MA 01852

RE: St. George Parish Council - Community Preservation Act Funding Application

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer my strong support of the Saint George Parish Council proposal for \$500,000.00 of CPA funding for the historic preservation of Saint George Church located at 44 Princeton Boulevard, Lowell, MA. The proposal meets the Community Preservation Plan's goals of preserving and renovating historic sites in our neighborhood.

Saint George Parish Council's proposal builds upon the City of Lowell tradition of honoring all immigrants because the legacy they have built continues to enhance the quality of life for all of Lowell's citizens from arts, culture, to history. St. George Church on Princeton Blvd. contains a wealth of culture and history for all to marvel and learn from. The Church was built by a Lowell native and well-known Boston Architect, William Chester. The building features a Rafael Gustavo Terracotta Dome roof with copper cladding on top is considered the largest dome of its kind in New England. Saint George Church is also listed with the National Register of Historical Places.

Upon entering Saint George Church, visitors immediately see the beauty of the dome and its historic architecture, unfortunately they also see that the roof is in desperate need of repair. I applaud the Parish Council's efforts to preserve Lowell's historic asset so it survives for future generations.

Please accept my support of this proposal and I respectfully request that you give this application sincere consideration. Should you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,


Rady Mom

Highlands Neighborhood Association
Nancy Judge
28 Foch Street
Lowell, MA 01851

September 8, 2022

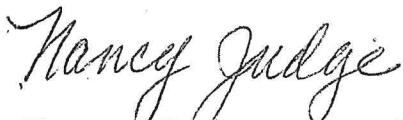
City of Lowell
Community Preservation Committee
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

City of Lowell Community Preservation Committee

As Co Chair of the Highlands Neighborhood, I am writing this letter of support for St. George's Church at 44 Princeton Blvd, Lowell, MA 01851. The Church has submitted an application for funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 to repair the damaged done to historical Rafael Gustavo Terracotta Dome due to our New England Weather. Any assistance with funding would be extremely appreciated as this building is historical and the Rafael Gustavo Terracotta Dome due to the harsh New England we ate for. Any assistance with funding would be extremely appreciated. The copper cladding dome was designed and built in 1895 by a well-known Boston architect and Lowell native. The church was placed on the National Historic Register in 2011.

St. George's church has served the Highlands as a Universalist Church for over 77 years and Greek Orthodox Church for 49 years. I would like to see it continue doing so for many years to come.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Judge".

Nancy Judge, Co Chair of the Highlands Neighborhood Association

Morse-Bayliss

FUNERAL HOME, INC.

122 PRINCETON BOULEVARD
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01851
978-458-6841

FREDERICK W. HEALY
PRESIDENT

City of Lowell

Community Preservation Committee

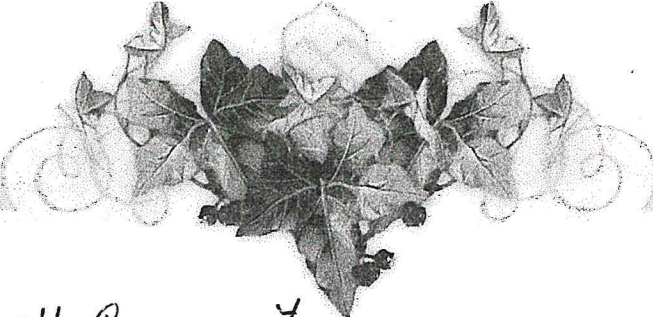
Dear Preservation Committee,

It is my pleasure to enthusiastically recommend that Saint George Greek Orthodox Church in the Highlands be granted acceptance to receive money from the Community Preservation Fund.

My name is Frederick W. Healy, President of the Morse-Bayliss Funeral Home located at 122 Princeton Blvd., Lowell. Saint George Greek Orthodox Church is located right down the street from the funeral home. It would be a perfect fit for funding from this committee. It's a beautiful facility and if a recipient of funds, could bring new life and commitment from the community. I strongly urge and ask that you seriously consider this church as it has great historical value and is a standing testament to the Greek immigrants who came before us. I can be reached at 978-458-6841 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



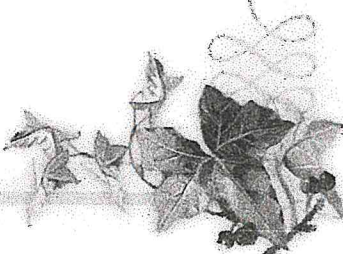
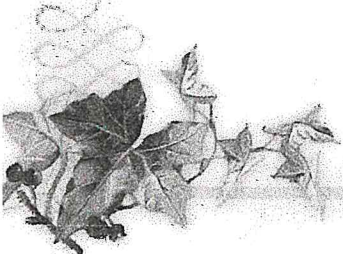


City of Lowell Community
Preservation Committee

My name is Edward Caulfield, former City Council
and Mayor of the City of Lowell.

I am writing this Letter in Support of St. Georges
Church, located at 44 Princeton Blvd in Lowell
Mass. For 157 years this Beautiful Historic
Church, has offered Religious Services to Thousands
of people. This application for \$500,000 of C. P. A.
funding, will be used for much needed Repairs
and will insure, That this Historical Church
will Continue Religious Services in the Coming
future.

Sincerely Yours
Edward Caulfield



Dear Community Preservation Committee,

I would like to be registered in favor of Community Preservation funds assisting Saint George Church in the restoration of the Church located at 44 Princeton Blvd. As the committee knows, the Church was designed by William Chester Chase in 1895 and stands as a marvel of the past.

In 2011, the Church building was nominated and listed in the National Register of Historic Places by Secretary William Galvin. For over 126 years, the church has been a staple to our community.

As we watch building from this era fall in disrepair, it is our responsibility to do everything we can to preserve the beauty for the past. I do believe after listening to past applications for CPA funding, this project would represent everything the funding stands to represent.

Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Gitschier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Erik Gitschier

City Councilor District 8



*Grace Universalist Church
St. George African Methodist Episcopal Church
Lombard Massachusetts*

was accepted on *March 4, 2017* for inclusion in the

National Register of Historic Places

The National Register is the nation's official list of buildings, districts, sites, structures, and objects that retain their historical character and are important to our local, state, or national history. The National Register was established under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and is administered in the Commonwealth by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

William Francis Galvin
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Brona Simon
Brona Simon
State Historic Preservation Officer

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
A Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.



William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Contact: Brian McNiff
Telephone: 617-727-9180

GRACE UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, LOWELL, APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Grace Universalist Church in Lowell for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its December 8, 2010, meeting. The nomination will be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation.

"The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's rich architectural, cultural, archaeological, and historic resources," Secretary Galvin said. "Inclusion of the Grace Universalist Church in the National Register signifies the architectural and historical significance of this prominent structure."

Grace Universalist Church, now known as the St. George Hellenic Orthodox Church, is located at 44 Princeton Boulevard. The church is a 2 ½ -story, asymmetrical, brick structure with a large central dome, a two-towered front façade, and an attached vestry. The building's eclectic design incorporates Romanesque, Beaux Arts, and Classical Revival motifs. The seventy-foot-diameter masonry dome—the largest masonry dome in Massachusetts—was constructed of interlocking terra-cotta tiles, in Rafael Guastavino, Sr.'s patented Tile Arch System. An alcove above the choir gallery houses a ca. 1838 organ by well-known organ-builder George Stevens, of Cambridge. The church is also significant for its association with the Universalist Church, which was first introduced in Lowell in 1825, and took an active role in labor reform and improving the lives of mill workers. The church building was sold to the St. George Hellenic Orthodox Society in October of 1973. As part of the building's conversion for use as an Orthodox church, iconography was added to the walls and dome by renowned iconographer George Filipakas.

The Grace Universalist Church is one of 7 historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting.

Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

The National Register is the nation's official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are over 70,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission's programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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State House, Room 337, Boston, Massachusetts 02133

IMAGE 1 - OVERVIEW OF THE CHURCH - JUST AFTER 2ND LOSS

(Note: Blue Tarp was later replaced with a Rubber EPDM emergency repair)

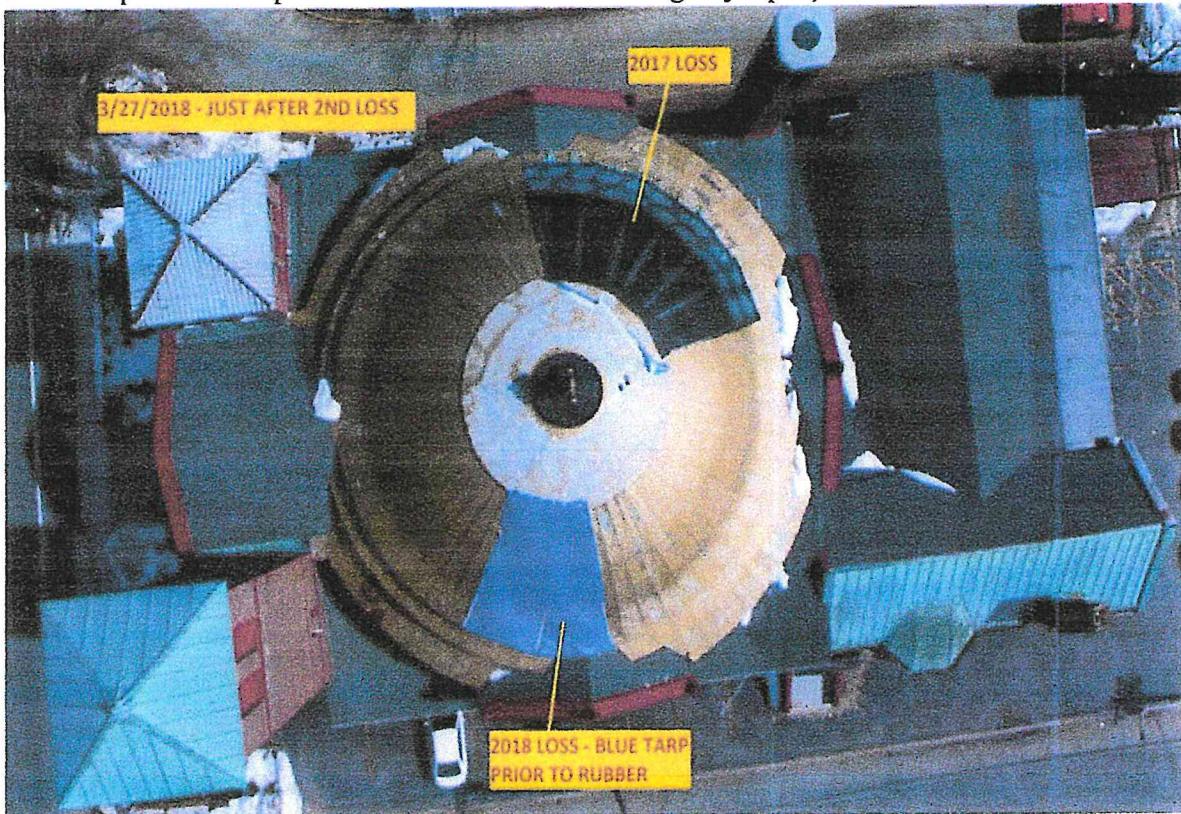
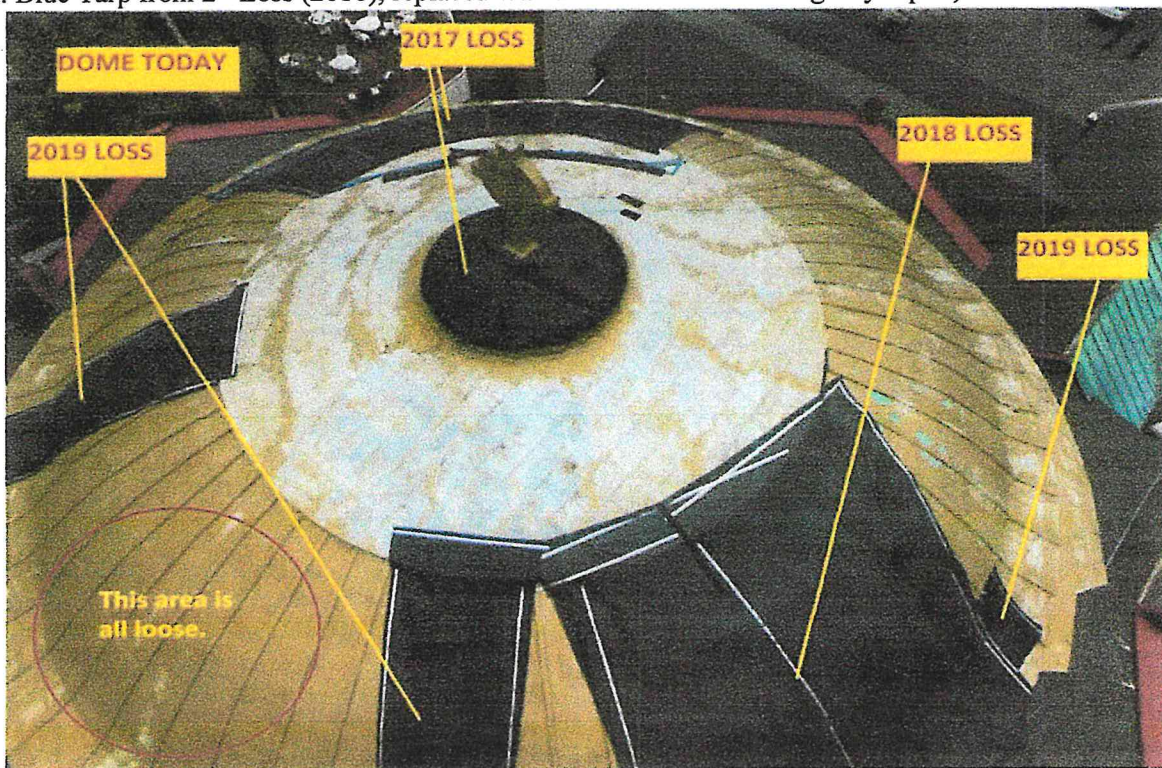
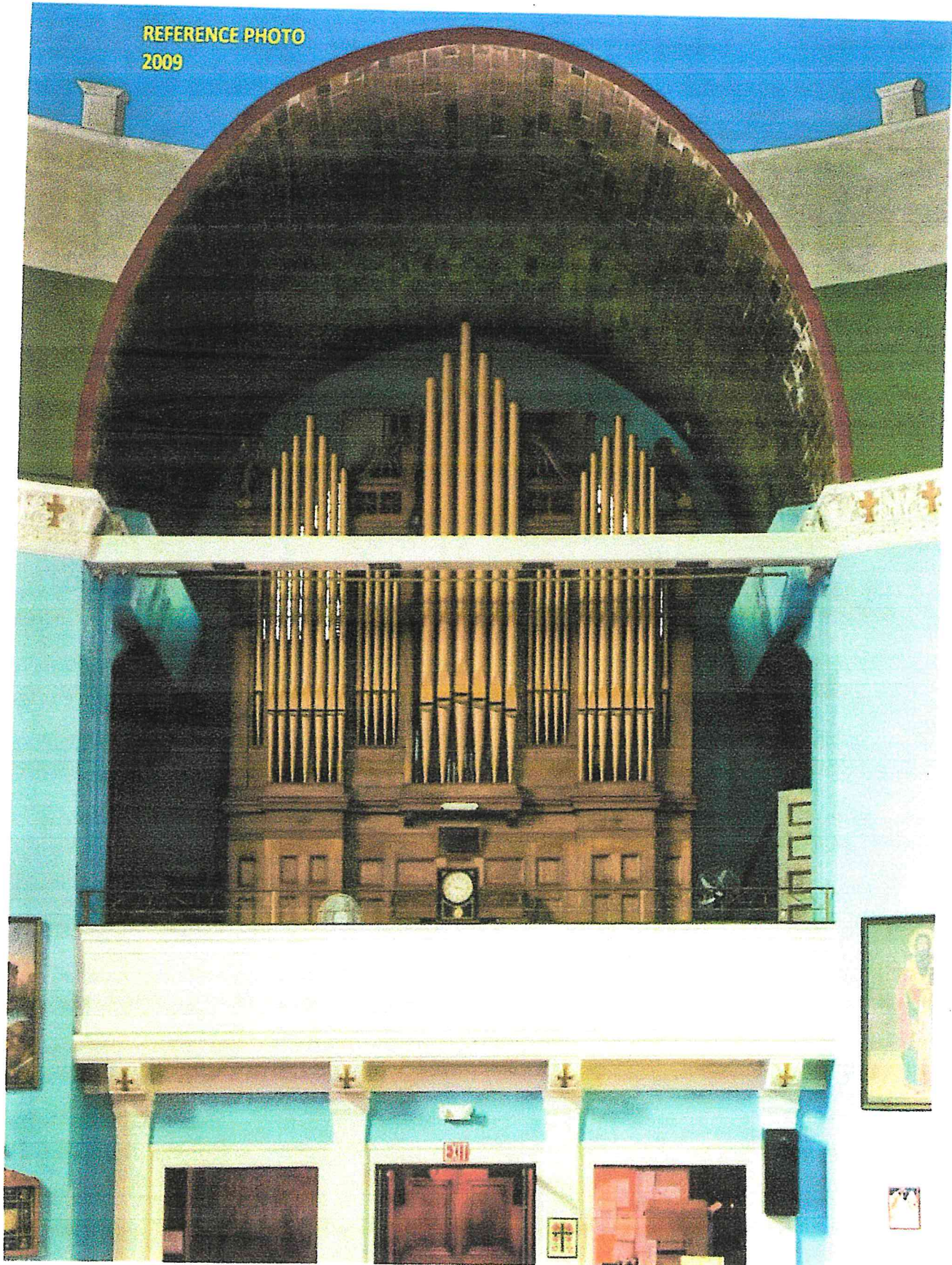


IMAGE 2 - OVERVIEW OF THE CHURCH - AS 11' IS TODAY AFTER ALL 3 LOSSES

(Note: Blue Tarp from 2nd Loss (2018), replaced with a Rubber EPDM emergency repair)



REFERENCE PHOTO
2009





ST. GEORGE



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF LOWELL

44 PRINCETON BLVD LOWELL, MA 01851 * TEL: (978) 459-9147

Rev. Constantine Cambas, Pastor_ Resident Phone (978) 314-4992

City of Lowell
Community Preservation Committee
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

On behalf of St. George Greek Orthodox, we thank you for considering our application for preservation funding for help in the restoration of our church.

The St. George Community is committed to sustaining and strengthening the faith and traditions of our predecessors who worked and sacrificed to bequeath this legacy to all of us.

We are a small community and would be grateful with any assistance with funding in the repair of our Church's Dome, roof, and other damage.

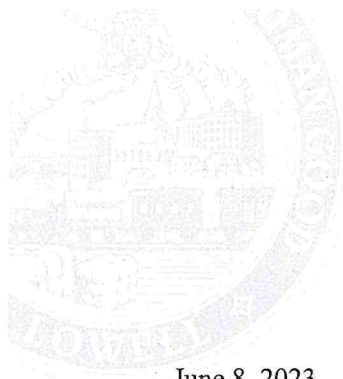
We thank you and are grateful for your time.

Sincerely,

Fr. Constantine Cambas

Fr. Constantine Cambas,

The Parish Council & the entire Saint George family



Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

June 8, 2023

Mayor Sokhary Chau
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I respectfully request that the City Council vote to expend One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of Community Preservation Act funding for the restoration of the historic dome at St. George's Church at 44 Princeton Blvd. The proposal received a positive recommendation from the Community Preservation Committee on January 12, 2023, and received a positive recommendation from the Joint Neighborhood and Finance Subcommittee on June 1, 2023.

Please find the full application attached below.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.
City Manager

CC: Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager / DPD Director
Lloyd DeJesus, Director of Development Services
Francesca Cigliano, Senior Planner
Dylan Ricker, Associate Planner